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OFFICIAL GRAND SLAM
RULE BOOK

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GRAND SLAM RULES
ARTICLE I: GENERAL

A. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

These Grand Slam Rules are promulgated by the Grand Slam Committee for the purpose of ensuring the orderly and fair administration of the four Grand Slams. Each player entrant in a Grand Slam agrees as a condition of such entry to abide by and be subject to these Grand Slam Rules, which hereinafter includes the Grand Slam Regulations and the Grand Slam Code of Conduct, as amended from time to time by the Grand Slam Committee.

B. GRAND SLAMS

The Grand Slams are the four official International Championships of Australia, France, Great Britain and the United States. Each Grand Slam offers on-site prize money to the players competing therein based upon their performance at the tournament.

C. GRAND SLAM COMMITTEE

The Grand Slam Committee (“GSC”) is responsible for the coordination of the general management, direction, financial control and government of the four Grand Slams including but not limited to the clarification and resolution of all matters or disputes pertaining thereto and the promulgation, administration and enforcement of these Grand Slam Rules.

D. OPEN COMPETITION / NO DISCRIMINATION

The four Grand Slams are open to all tennis players based on merit and without discrimination subject only to the conditions herein set forth and to those provisions of the WTA Tour Age Eligibility Rule adopted by the Grand Slams and provided, however, that minors under the age of fourteen (14) shall not be eligible for entry. For purposes of this Rule, the player’s age as of the first day of the tournament shall be used.

E. PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

Each player grants and assigns to the GSC and the management of the events that he enters, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at their discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him during said events and in connection with the promotion of said events without compensation for himself, his heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns. Each player also agrees to cooperate with the news media and to participate upon request in reasonable promotional activities of the Grand Slams. Such activities by a player shall not be represented as an endorsement by the player of any product or company.

F. WAIVER OF CLAIMS

All players entering Grand Slams agree, as a condition of their entry, that for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future claims and injuries, if any, sustained in travelling to or from, or participating in, a Grand Slam, as against the Grand Slam Committee and the organisers and sponsors of the tournaments.

G. AMENDMENTS

These Grand Slam Rules, Grand Slam Regulations and Grand Slam Code of Conduct may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the Grand Slam Committee.

GRAND SLAM TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS
ARTICLE I: GENERAL

A. PURPOSE

The Grand Slam Committee (GSC) promulgates these Grand Slam Tournament Regulations for the purpose of providing fair and reasonable rules for the orderly conduct and operation of the four Grand Slams in as uniform a manner as possible while respecting the positive distinctions of each event.

B. APPLICABILITY

These Grand Slam Regulations, as well as the Grand Slam Rules and Grand Slam Code of Conduct, shall be applicable to all Grand Slams and all players participating therein.

C. SIZE OF DRAWS

Each Tournament shall have singles, main and qualifying draws of a maximum of one hundred and twenty eight (128) and shall have a doubles main draw of a maximum of sixty four (64), unless otherwise authorised by the GSC. Each Grand Slam shall have the option of providing a doubles qualifying event.

D. RAIN AND FORCE MAJEURE

Grand Slam Tournaments may be extended as necessary for completion.

E. WILD CARDS / NO LIMITATION

There shall be no limitation as to the number of wild cards a player may receive to compete in the Grand Slams.

F. ENTRY FEES

There shall be no entry fees for Grand Slams.

G. ENTRIES / SYSTEMS OF MERIT

The merit-based systems utilised by each Grand Slam as the guideline for the acceptance of entries and for the resolution of all ties shall be the singles and doubles computer rankings systems adopted by the GSC.

H. TOURNAMENT DOCTOR

Each Grand Slam will have a doctor and trainer or primary health care provider available at all times during the event.

I. BALLS

Each Grand Slam will provide tennis balls in accordance with the following:

1. Six (6) balls are to be provided for each main draw match and are to be changed after the first seven (7) and thereafter every nine (9) games throughout the tournament. Ball changes and the number of balls used per match shall be the same for all matches throughout the tournament and may be altered only with approval of the Referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors.
2. If a ball is lost or becomes unplayable then another may be added as soon as possible for use in play; when there are fewer than four (4) balls remaining, then another ball must be added for use in play. During the warm-up or within two (2) games after a change of ball, a new ball shall be used as a replacement; otherwise a used ball of like wear shall be supplied. Play must be continuous even if a ball needs to be replaced.
3. In case of a suspended or postponed match, the balls used in the warm-up will not be the balls used when play resumes.
4. At least three (3) new balls per day for practice must be available free of charge to each player accepted in the main draw or qualifier from the day prior to the commencement of the tournament until he is eliminated. Any qualifier with a computer ranking may receive practice balls one (1) day prior to the qualifying sign-in. Balls of the make to be used in the main draw tournament are to be available for a reasonable period prior to the commencement of the tournament. Players must return practice balls.

J. GRAND SLAM FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

1. Prize Money

The players in each Grand Slam shall be compensated on the basis of their performance by on-site prize money which shall be distributed by each Grand Slam during or at the conclusion of the tournament. Except for on-site prize money no player shall be offered or paid any other money or anything of value except for amateur or professional expenses set forth below, unless additional financial and/or other incentives for players are specifically developed and approved by the GSC. Prize money shall be paid only for matches played. For the purpose of this Rule a match is played when it is won as a result of any injury or a misconduct default of an opponent. An amateur who enters a Grand Slam and begins his first match as an amateur may not receive prize money during that tournament.

2. Form of Payment, Deductions Notice

Each Grand Slam shall pay prize money in national currency unless otherwise approved by the GSC. All Grand Slams are required to give notice of all

applicable income tax, VAT tax and any other taxes that are to be deducted from players' prize money. Each Grand Slam shall furnish on-site to the player an official form documenting all such deductions from his prize money. A summary report of all such monies paid and deductions, including any fines assessed, shall be forwarded to the Grand Slam Administrator.

3. Amateur Expenses

Grand Slams may pay expenses to amateurs who are eligible to and do compete. Such expenses are limited to the actual and reasonable expenses of an amateur incurred pursuant to his participation in the Tournament. The payment of expenses cannot be conditioned on the success of the amateur in the event.

4. Expenses for Professionals

Grand Slams may at their option provide housing, meals and local transportation for players provided that the same are available to all competitors without discrimination.

K. RULES OF TENNIS

The Rules of Tennis published by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) shall apply in all Grand Slam matches, unless otherwise specified by the GSC.

L. NUMBER OF SETS, TIE-BREAK

All men's singles main draw matches in Grand Slams shall be the best of five (5) sets. All other matches shall be the best of three (3) or the best of five (5) sets unless otherwise determined by each Grand Slam.

The tie-break specified in the Rules of Tennis shall be used in the qualifying competition and the main events; provided, however, that each Grand Slam shall have the option of having the fifth set, or third set in best of three (3) set matches, played without the tie-break. In such cases, a decision to do so shall be applicable to the singles, doubles and qualifying draws and it will be announced before the commencement of the qualifying competition.

M. REFEREE

In each Grand Slam the Referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors, shall:

- 1.** Act as final on-site authority for the interpretation of these Grand Slam Rules, Grand Slam Tournament Regulations, Grand Slam Code of Conduct and Rules of Tennis as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution at the tournament site.

2. Prior to the tournament conduct such training sessions and meetings as may be necessary to familiarise thoroughly all officials with all applicable Rules and Procedures.
3. Appoint a Chief Umpire and ensure that his duties and responsibilities as hereinafter set forth are performed properly.
4. Approve the assignment of all Chair Umpires and Line Umpires for matches.
5. Liaise with the Chair Umpires and Line Umpires and decide on the competence of these officials.
6. Remove a Chair Umpire and/or remove, rotate or replace any Line Umpire or Net Umpire whenever he decides it is necessary to improve the officiating of a match.
7. Ensure that the tournament is conducted fairly in accordance with these Grand Slam Rules, Grand Slam Tournament Regulations, Grand Slam Code of Conduct, Duties and Procedures for Officials and the Rules of Tennis.
8. Ensure that each court, net and net posts conform to the specifications in the Rules of Tennis and that each court is equipped as follows:
 - a. **Chair Umpire's Chair**

The Chair Umpire's chair is recommended to be a minimum of six (6) feet (1.82 metres) and a maximum of eight (8) feet (2.44 metres) in height. The Chair Umpire's chair shall be centred along an extension of the net approximately three (3) feet (0.9 metres) from the net post. If a microphone is to be used it must have an "on-off" switch. It must be easily adjustable and not hand held. There should be a sunscreen available.
 - b. **Line Umpires' Chairs**

Chairs for Service and Base Line Umpires should be located on an extension of their respective lines along the side fence. They shall not be elevated above the surface of the court and should be positioned no less than twelve (12) feet (3.7 metres) from the side of the court. Chairs for Centre Service and Side Line Umpires should be located in the corners at the back of the court unless otherwise directed. Whenever the sun is a factor, Line Umpires' chairs should be positioned so that Line Umpires are not facing the sun. When the sun is not a factor, Line Umpire's chairs should be positioned on the opposite side of the court from the Chair Umpire.
 - c. **Net Umpire's Chair**

A chair for the Net Umpire shall be located at the net post and, where possible, on the opposite side from the Chair Umpire.

- d. Players' Chairs**
Chairs for the players shall be located on each side of the Chair Umpire.
 - e. On-court Service**
Water, other drinks, cups, towels and sawdust shall be available to the players during each match.
 - f. Measuring Device**
A measuring stick, tape measure or other measuring device shall be available for the measuring of the net height and location of the singles sticks.
 - g. Stopwatch, Scorecard, etc**
A Stopwatch, Scorecard and pencils shall be available to the Chair Umpire of each match.
- 9.** Determine and notify competitors of the conditions of play (i.e. make of ball, number of balls, ball changes, type of surface, number of sets, tie-break/advantage sets and other items of interest), prior to the commencement of the tournament.
 - 10.** Designate in a highly visible place in a general players' area an Official Bulletin Board and notify all players of its designation and location. The daily Order of Play shall be posted on the Official Bulletin Board as soon as issued. It is the responsibility of all players to ascertain their schedules from the Referee for each day's play.
 - 11.** Designate a visible timepiece at a fixed location as the Official Clock of the tournament and notify all players of its designation and location.
 - 12.** Designate a specific area from which matches shall be called in accordance with the Order of Play using all available and reasonable means. Players must be ready to play when their matches are called. In unusual cases the Referee shall determine when a match is to be called or when a match was in fact called.
 - 13.** Prior to making the draws consult with the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors and a player representative to determine:

 - a.** the final entry list.
 - b.** the computer ranking to the extent necessary for seeding.
 - c.** any other relevant information necessary for making the draw.
 - 14.** Make the draws for the qualifying and main competitions.

15. Post all sign-in documents (Qualifying, Main Draws, Alternates and Lucky Losers) in the Referee's office with appropriate notices on the Official Bulletin Board.
16. Prepare the daily Order of Play with the matches scheduled on specific courts to follow each other consecutively without delay or, where appropriate, with the matches scheduled and clearly designated as "not before" a certain time. Once the Order of Play has been released it should not be changed.
 - a. Prior Tournament
Prior to scheduling matches for the first day of play, and although the Referee is not required to do so, the Referee should take into consideration the preceding week's tournaments to determine to what extent players still competing therein may have difficulties in arriving for play. To the extent possible, and providing it does not jeopardise the fairness of scheduling and the completion of the tournament, the Referee should schedule matches so that players with reasonable difficulties can be reasonably accommodated.
 - b. Qualifying
The qualifying event for singles should be scheduled for completion no later than the day before the commencement of play in the main draw. If conditions force qualifying matches to be played on the same day of the main draw, successful qualifiers 1st round main draw matches should be delayed until the next day wherever possible. Matches should be scheduled so that a player will not be required to play more than two qualifying matches in the same day, except when weather or unavoidable circumstances cause schedule disruption.
 - c. Main Draw
Players shall not be scheduled for more than one singles and one doubles match per day, unless weather or other unavoidable circumstances have caused schedule disruption. A player's singles match on any particular day shall be scheduled before his doubles matches unless otherwise directed by the Referee.
17. Decide if a court is fit for play.
18. Decide if a match should be moved to another court. If bad weather or other unavoidable circumstances cause disruption or suspension of a match in progress, then if necessary to eliminate the possibility of a player having to play two (2) singles matches in one day or if necessary to complete the event, move a match to another court. In all other cases a match shall not be moved after it has officially started, i.e. the first serve of the first point has been struck, except with the agreement of the players, which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Whenever possible a change of courts should be made at the end of a set or after an even number of games in the set in progress.

19. Decide when play should be postponed because of weather conditions, inadequate light or other conditions. If play is postponed on account of darkness such postponement should be made at the end of a set or an even number of games in the set in progress.
20. Ensure delivery whenever possible to every player cited for an on-site offence a copy of the relevant Grand Slam Code of Conduct form.
21. Be present on-site at all times during play. The Referee may not be a Chair Umpire or Chief of Umpires.

N. GRAND SLAM OFFICIATING/REFEREE, CHIEF OF GRAND SLAM SUPERVISORS AND GRAND SLAM SUPERVISORS

The Referee shall be the final authority on all officiating matters at each Grand Slam. The Chief of Grand Slam Supervisors shall serve as a special consultant to the Referee on all officiating matters in order to ensure the uniform application of the rules. The other Grand Slam Supervisors shall assist the Chief of Grand Slam Supervisors and the Referee as they may request and direct. For purposes of these Rules, the Grand Slam Supervisors shall include those persons serving as WTA Tour Supervisors for the women's events.

O. CHIEF UMPIRE

The Chief Umpire, in consultation with the Referee and Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors, shall:

1. Recruit a sufficient number of competent officials for the tournament and submit a list of these officials to the Referee and the Administrator of the Grand Slam Officiating Programme at least ninety (90) days in advance of the Championship for review.
2. Conduct the necessary pre-tournament training of officials including review of the Rules of Tennis, the Grand Slam Tournament Regulations and the Grand Slam Code of Conduct.
3. Prepare a List of Officials which shall include the name, mailing address and certifications, if any, of all officials used during the tournament. A copy of such list shall be delivered to the Referee and the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors.
4. Arrange meetings with the Referee, Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors and other officials prior to the tournament.

5. Schedule the on-court assignments of officials for each day of the tournament, subject to the approval of the Referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors. Officials for the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals should have worked a minimum of two (2) matches prior to the quarter-finals.
6. Conduct a pre-match meeting with all the on-court officials for the match to specify court assignments and the procedures to be used for making calls, hand signals, rotation of court assignments, etc.
7. Evaluate the performance of all on-court officials.
8. Be present on-site at all times during play. The Chief Umpire shall not be a Chair Umpire or Line Umpire.
9. Assist the Referee, Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors and Grand Slam Supervisors in the performance of their duties.

P. CHAIR UMPIRE

The Chair Umpire shall:

1. Be completely familiar with all aspects of the Grand Slam Rules, Grand Slam Tournament Regulations, Grand Slam Code of Conduct, Rules of Tennis and the Duties and Procedures for Officials. His duties shall be carried out in accordance with the approved procedures of the GSC.
2. Dress uniformly with other Chair Umpires as prescribed by the Referee.
3. Find out the correct pronunciation of the players' names.
4. Be on court prior to the arrival of players.
5. Immediately prior to the match meet with the players to:
 - a. State any relevant information for the players.
 - b. Toss a coin in the presence of both players/teams to determine choice of serve and side at the beginning of the match prior to the warm-up. If play is suspended before the match begins, the players may choose again; the result of the toss stands.
 - c. Determine if each player is dressed in accordance with the dress provisions of the Grand Slam Code of Conduct. Corrective action taking more than fifteen (15) minutes may result in a default. An appropriate re-warm-up may be authorized.
6. Have a hand held stopwatch which shall be used to time the warm-up (normally five (5) minutes), the twenty (20) seconds permitted between

points, the ninety (90) seconds permitted during changeovers and the one hundred and twenty (120) seconds permitted during set breaks and all other specific time periods designated under the provisions of any Rule or Regulation.

7. Be responsible for having the appropriate number of balls on court for the match, including used replacement balls. The cans with new balls should be opened just before the match/ball change.
8. Determine all Questions of Fact arising during the match (including warm-up).
9. Ensure that the rules are observed by the players and all on-court officials.
10. Remove, rotate or replace any Line Umpire or Net Umpire whenever he/she decides it will improve the officiating of the match.
11. Make the first determination on all Questions of Tennis Law arising during the match, subject to the right of a player to appeal to the Referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors.
12. Announce the score after each point in accordance with GSC procedures.
13. Repeat the calls of a Line Umpire or Net Umpire only if the call is made in a weak voice or there is a close call that must be confirmed to remove any doubt from the minds of the players.
14. Mark a Scorecard during the match in accordance with the approved GSC procedures.
15. Overrule a Line Umpire only in the case of a clear mistake by the Line Umpire and only if the overrule is made promptly after the mistake is made. Clear foot faults not called by a Line Umpire, shall be called by the Chair Umpire consistent with the procedures for handling clear mistakes.
16. Be responsible for any ball mark inspection. There shall be no ball mark inspection except on clay courts (See Ball mark Inspection Procedures on page 14).
17. Exercise his best efforts to control the crowd. Whenever the spectators are impeding the progress of the match, the Chair Umpire should address them respectfully and request their cooperation.
18. Be responsible for the direction of the ballpersons during the match so that they assist, but do not disturb, the players.

19. Be responsible for all changes of balls and for determining if a ball is fit for play. The appropriate number of ball containers should be opened and inspected sufficiently in advance of each ball change so as to avoid any delay of the match.
20. Determine if a court continues to be fit for play. If a change in condition occurs during a match that the Chair Umpire considers sufficient to make the court unfit for play or if weather or other conditions require suspension of play, he should suspend play and report the same to the Referee. During a suspension and until a match is postponed, the Chair Umpire must ensure that he and all other on-court officials are ready to resume the match. If suspension is due to darkness it should be at the end of a set or after an even number of games in the set in progress. Upon suspension or any postponement by the Referee, the Chair Umpire shall record the time, point, game and set score, the name of the server, the side on which each player was situated and shall collect all balls in use for the match.
21. At the conclusion of a match make a full report to the Referee and Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors concerning all actions taken under the Grand Slam Code of Conduct during the match.

Q. LINE UMPIRE

A Line Umpire shall:

1. Carry out all his duties in accordance with the approved procedures of the GSC.
2. Dress uniformly with other Line Umpires as prescribed by the Tournament Committee. Line Umpires shall not wear clothing that is white, yellow, or other light colours that can interfere with the vision of the players.
3. Be on time for all assignments.
4. Take a position necessary to have the best view of his assigned line.
5. Call all balls on his assigned line only and not give opinions on calls on other lines.
6. Call foot faults when assigned to a baseline, sideline or centre service line.
7. Give a prompt unsighted signal when not able to make a call.
8. Correct a wrong call immediately.
9. Never call a ball “Out/Fault” until it actually hits out.

10. Remain silent if the Chair Umpire overrules a call. All player enquiries must be referred to the Chair Umpire.
11. Report immediately to the Chair Umpire if he/she witnesses a Code Violation not witnessed by the Chair Umpire.
12. Go with a player who takes a toilet or change of attire break to ensure the player does not use the break for any other purposes. If a violation of the procedure takes place, the Line Umpire shall tell the player that he/she is breaking the rules and report this to the Chair Umpire.
13. Not catch balls or hold towels for players.
14. Not converse with spectators.
15. Never applaud players.
16. Not leave the court without the permission of the Chair Umpire.

R. PLAYER REPRESENTATION

A player representative shall be appointed to represent the interests of the players at the tournament.

S. BALLPERSONS

All ballpersons shall assist the players as directed by the Chair Umpire. Ballpersons shall wear dark coloured clothing.

T. SCHEDULING / ORDER OF PLAY

Each Grand Slam is responsible for the scheduling of matches and daily Order of Play. These decisions, before finalised or changed, should be made in close co-operation and consultation with the Tournament Director, Referee, Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors, player representative and/or any other parties helpful to a full and careful deliberation.

U. ON-SITE DECISIONS AND APPEALS

1. Questions of Fact

A Question of Fact is defined as an issue relating to what actually occurred during a specific instance. Questions of Fact arising during a match shall be determined by the on-court officials for that match and such determinations are binding on the players and Referee.

A player may request verification by the Chair Umpire of a call or other determination of fact on a point-ending call made by an on-court official.

The request, verification and resumption of play must all be completed within the twenty (20) seconds allowed between points, unless the Chair Umpire determines that an extension is necessary. If an extension is granted it shall be concluded with the announcement “Let’s Play”.

a. Player Appeal

A player may never appeal a determination on a Question of Fact to the Referee.

b. Overrule

The Chair Umpire may overrule a Line Umpire only in the case of a clear mistake by the Line Umpire and only if the overrule is made promptly after the mistake is made.

i. Clear Mistake

It is difficult to define a “Clear Mistake” any more precisely. As a matter of practice the Chair Umpire must be in a position to make a determination that a call was erroneous beyond any reasonable doubt. Chair Umpires should never make an overrule on a ball that is a close call. As a practical matter, to overrule a ball determined “good” by a Line Umpire, the Chair Umpire must have been able to see a space between the ball and the line. Likewise to overrule an “Out” or “Fault” call by a Line Umpire, the Chair Umpire must have seen the ball hit on or inside the line.

ii. Promptly

Rule 29 of the Rules of Tennis requires in addition to a “Clear Mistake” that the Chair Umpire must overrule promptly, i.e. immediately after the Line Umpire makes the Clear Mistake. The overrule call must be made almost simultaneously with the Clear Mistake of the Line Umpire.

A Chair Umpire may never make an overrule as a result of a protest or appeal by a player.

A Line Umpire may never change a call as a result of a protest or appeal by the player.

c. Ball Mark Inspection Procedures

i. Ball mark inspections can only be made on clay courts.

ii. A ball mark inspection requested by a player (team) shall be allowed only if the Chair Umpire cannot determine the call with certainty from his/her chair on either a point-ending shot or when a player (team) stops playing the point during a rally

- (returns are permitted but then the player must immediately stop).
- iii. When the Chair Umpire has decided to make a ball mark inspection, he/she should go down from the chair and make the inspection himself. If he/she does not know where the mark is, he/she can ask the Line Umpire for help in locating the mark, but then the Chair Umpire shall inspect it.
 - iv. The original call or overrule will always stand if the Line Umpire and Chair Umpire cannot determine the location of the mark or if the mark is unreadable.
 - v. Once the Chair Umpire has identified and ruled on a ball mark, this decision is final and not appealable.
 - vi. In clay court tennis the Chair Umpire should not be too quick to announce the score unless absolutely certain of the call. If in doubt, wait before calling the score to determine whether a ball mark inspection is necessary.
 - vii. In doubles the appealing player must make his/her appeal in such a way that either play stops or the Chair Umpire stops play. If an appeal is made to the Chair Umpire then he/she must first determine that the correct appeal procedure was followed. If it was not correct or if it was late, then the Chair Umpire may determine that the opposing team was deliberately hindered.
 - viii. If a player erases the ball mark before the Chair Umpire has made a final decision, he/she concedes the call.

A player may not cross the net to check a ball mark without being subject to the Unsportsmanlike provision of the Code of Conduct.

2. Questions of Tennis Law

A Question of Tennis Law is defined as an issue relating to the construction and application of specified facts of these Grand Slam Rules, Grand Slam Code of Conduct and/or the Rules of Tennis. During a match, Questions of Tennis Law shall first be determined by the Chair Umpire. If the Chair Umpire is uncertain or if a player appeals from his determination, then the decision shall be made by the Referee. The decision of the Referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors shall be final and non-appealable.

a. Player Appeals

Players shall have the right to appeal against any ruling of Tennis Law in accordance with the procedures hereinafter set forth.

When a player is of the opinion that a ruling by the Chair Umpire on a matter of Tennis Law is incorrect, he may appeal the ruling by notification to the Chair Umpire in a professional and non-abusive manner. Thereupon, the Chair Umpire shall turn off all microphones in the area of the Chair and immediately call for the Referee. Upon his

arrival the Chair Umpire shall state all the facts of the incident and the Referee shall be bound by the facts as so determined and stated. Then the Chair Umpire shall state his ruling on the applicable Tennis Law and the player shall state his position with respect to such ruling. The Referee shall review briefly the applicable rules with the player and the Chair Umpire and either affirm or reverse the ruling. Thereafter, play shall be resumed upon the statement by the Referee "Let's play" and the players must proceed to commence play. Every effort should be made to determine such an appeal within twenty (20) seconds and upon the statement "Let's play" the twenty (20) second clock shall commence.

V. TOURNAMENT / MATCH COMMENCEMENT

A tournament officially starts when the first serve of the first match is struck. A match officially starts when the first serve is struck.

W. PLAYERS' REST / MEDICAL CONDITIONS

1. Between Qualifying and Main Draw

Other than in exceptional circumstances, no player shall be required to play his first round match in the singles main draw until at least twelve (12) hours after the completion of his final qualifying match. If a player plays two (2) singles qualifying matches in one day, he should not be scheduled on the following day for his first round singles match, unless such player is accepted into the tournament as a lucky loser.

2. Between Matches

Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances cause schedule disruption, players shall be scheduled for a maximum of one (1) singles match and one (1) doubles match per day, which shall not be scheduled less than twelve hours after the completion of the last match of such player on the preceding day or round.

Whenever it is necessary to schedule more than one match in the same day such player shall, unless he is in a singles and doubles finals to be played consecutively, be given the following minimum rest periods:

- a. If he has played less than 1 hour - ½ hour rest
- b. If he has played between 1 hour and 1½ hours - 1 hour rest
- c. If he has played more than 1½ hours - 1½ hours rest

3. Medical Conditions

a. Medical Time-Out

In the event that a player sustains a medical condition during the match or warm-up or believes that medical diagnosis and treatment are required for a medical condition, the player may request through the

Chair Umpire to see the Sports Medicine Trainer, also known as the Primary Health Care Provider. The Sports Medicine Trainer may authorise a one-time three (3) minute medical time-out for that condition. The player may make this request at any time during a match or warm-up.

Medical evaluation and treatment of a player's condition will be made only by the Sports Medicine Trainer. At the request of the Sports Medicine Trainer, the Tournament Doctor may assist in the evaluation and treatment.

The time-out begins after the completion of the evaluation and diagnosis of the medical condition by the Sports Medicine Trainer and, if required, the Tournament Doctor and should, when possible, be taken on a change-over or set break.

At the discretion of the Sports Medicine Trainer and, if required, the Tournament Doctor, the evaluation and/or treatment can take place off-court. The Sports Medicine Trainer can treat heat related physical conditions if determined to be appropriate.

However, a player will be allowed only one medical time-out per match for any and all cramping conditions.

It is recognized that national laws or governmental or other binding regulations imposed upon the event by authorities outside its control may require more compulsory participation by the Tournament Doctor in all decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment.

b. Medical Treatment

A player may, within any ninety (90) second change-over or one hundred and twenty (120) second set break, receive on-court medical evaluation, treatment and supplies from the Sports Medicine Trainer who can request assistance from the Tournament Doctor. The player must make this request to the Chair Umpire. As a guideline, this medical treatment should not exceed two changeovers.

c. Non-Treatable Medical Conditions

Players may not receive treatment at any time during a match (including the warm up) for the following conditions:

- i. Any illness or medical condition, as determined by the Sports Medicine Trainer, that cannot be appropriately treated or will not be improved by medical treatment available.
- ii. Pre-existing conditions not aggravated during play.
- iii. General player fatigue; or
- iv. Any condition requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen, except for diabetics with prior medical certification who may be allowed to use devices off-court to check blood sugar and administer subcutaneous injections of insulin if needed.

d. Time-out Procedures

i. During the Warm-up

If a player sustains a medical condition during the warm-up that prevents the player from starting the match as scheduled, the player can receive either a medical time-out or a ninety (90) second treatment period at the end of the warm-up prior to the start of the match. If it is clear that a player is not physically able to compete after receiving a medical time-out or treatment, then the match should not begin. Any medical condition incurred during the warm-up shall be deemed to be a pre-existing condition once the match begins.

ii. During the Match

A player can make the request and receive a medical time-out either: immediately, on the next changeover or set break (in such case, the time-out is in addition to the time allowed for that changeover or set break), or when the Sports Medicine Trainer arrives, evaluates and is prepared to give treatment. If play is stopped until the Sports Medicine Trainer arrives, then when treatment or consultation is completed (prior to the completion of the time-out), play will resume immediately except in the case of a re-warm-up. In addition, the Chair Umpire can stop play and call for the Sports Medicine Trainer, who may advise that continued play is detrimental to the player's health. In that case, the Referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Supervisor may retire the player from the match.

e. Penalty

After completion of a medical treatment, any delay shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

f. Physical Incapacity

Where because of player injury or illness the quality of a scheduled tournament match is jeopardised to the extent that the Referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Supervisor believes it would not be in the best interest of professional tennis for the match to be played, the Referee has the authority to rule a player ineligible to compete. The Referee shall use this power with great discretion and shall seek medical advice and any other appropriate information in all such cases. Also, the player may continue to play another event (singles, doubles or mixed doubles) at the Grand Slam if the Tournament Doctor certifies the player's condition has improved to the extent that the player may physically perform at a professional level, whether the same day or a later day. Pursuant thereto, it is the responsibility of each tournament to have a Tournament Doctor available on-site at all times.

4. Toilet/Change of Attire Break

A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break/change of attire break (women's events). Toilet breaks should be taken on a set break and can be used for no other purpose. Change of attire breaks (women's events) must be taken on a set break. In women's singles events a player is entitled to two (2) breaks during a match. In men's singles events a player is entitled to one (1) toilet break during a best of three (3) set match and two (2) toilet breaks during a best of five (5) set match. In all doubles matches, each team is entitled to a total of two (2) breaks. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one of the team's authorised breaks. Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet break, it is considered one of the authorised breaks regardless of whether or not the opponent has left the court. Any toilet break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks. Additional breaks will be authorised but will be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule if the player is not ready to play within the allowed time.

X. SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT

The Chair Umpire or the Referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors may suspend a match temporarily due to darkness or conditions of the grounds or weather. Any such suspension by a Chair Umpire must be reported immediately to the Referee. The Referee must, however, make all decisions regarding the postponement of a match until a later day. Unless and until a match is postponed by the Referee, the players, the Chair Umpire and all on-court officials must remain ready to resume the match. If postponement is due to darkness it should be at the end of a set or after an even number of games have been played in the set in progress. Upon suspension/postponement of a match, the Chair Umpire shall record the time, point, game and set score, the name of the server, the sides on which each player was situated and shall collect all balls in use for the match.

In the case of a suspended or postponed match, the period of re-warm-up shall be as follows:

0-15 minutes delay	-	No re-warm-up
15-30 minutes delay	-	Three (3) minutes re-warm-up
30 or more minutes delay	-	Five (5) minute re-warm-up

Y. FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS

1. Court

The Court shall conform to the specifications in the Rules of Tennis.

2. Preparation of Courts

Clay courts shall be swept and lines cleaned before the start of all matches.

3. **Net**
The net band shall be cloth, canvas, plastic or vinyl, and the net shall extend to the ground, unless otherwise approved by the Referee. Spare nets shall be readily available.
4. **Chairs**
Chairs shall be provided for players on each side of the Chair Umpire.
5. **Scoreboard**
The scoreboard shall be placed at the corner or side of the court and shall not obscure the playing visibility.
6. **Back Walls, Net and Fixtures**
The back fence, walls, net, net post, linesmen boxes and other fixtures on a court shall not be painted or otherwise have any white, yellow or other light colours thereon that can interfere with the vision of the players as determined by the Referee.
7. **Banners**
Whenever possible banners should be placed in locations, other than on the back walls of the courts, where they cannot interfere with the players' vision. If banners are placed on the back walls, they may not be white, yellow or other light colours that can cause interference.
8. **Lighting**
Whenever a Grand Slam plays under artificial lighting the lighting must be evenly distributed on the court with an intensity of illumination sufficient for professional tennis.
9. **Practice Courts**
Each Grand Slam shall provide for the players a sufficient number of practice courts with the same surface and conditions as the main draw in order to prepare for and compete in the event.

Z. ENTRY PROCEDURES

1. **Singles Entries and Withdrawals**
Unless otherwise approved by the Grand Slam Committee, each Grand Slam will have an independent Entry Form for purposes of player entries into the event.
 - a. **Closing Date**
The closing date for entries and withdrawals for the singles main draw in each Grand Slam is forty-two (42) days prior to the first Monday of the tournament except that a player on the alternate list for the singles main draw may withdraw at any time prior to such time as he is moved into the Direct Acceptance on account of withdrawals of other players.

The closing date for entries and withdrawals for the men's singles qualifying is twenty-eight (28) days prior to the first Monday of the tournament.

- b. Method of Entry or Withdrawal**
All entries and withdrawals must be on official entry forms and signed personally by the player or his authorised representative. Entries and/or withdrawals must be received on or before the prescribed deadline for each Grand Slam. Players may submit their entries and/or withdrawals either directly to the Tournament or to the Grand Slam Administrator at the addresses listed herein. Withdrawals or defaults must be made through the Referee.
- c. Late Entries**
Any player who submits an entry after the due date may only be accepted into the singles main draw as a Wild Card or as a qualifier.
- d. Extensions**
The GSC may in its discretion extend the deadline for entries and/or withdrawals if it determines such action to be necessary when unforeseen circumstances arise.
- e. Late Withdrawal**
Any player who withdraws after the deadline for withdrawal shall be subject to the sanctions provided in the Grand Slam Code of Conduct.
- f. No Play After Late Withdrawal**
If a player withdraws from the singles event after the singles withdrawal date for any reason, he may not play in any other tournament or special event during the period of the tournament or compete in the doubles event of the tournament, unless expressly authorised by the GSC. A violation of this Section shall be punishable by the sanctions set forth in the Code.
- g. One Tournament During Grand Slam**
Once a player enters a Grand Slam and is accepted into the Main Draw of singles or signs in the qualifying competition, he cannot be committed to any other tournament during the period of that Grand Slam, unless expressly authorised by the GSC.

2. Singles Main Draw

Each Grand Slam shall specify the time and place that the Referee shall publicly make the singles draw. The draw shall be composed as follows:

- a. Direct Acceptances**
Players who are accepted directly in the draw by virtue of their computer singles ranking. The computer ranking to be used shall be

that dated approximately forty-two (42) days prior to the commencement of the tournament.

b. Wild Cards

Players who are included in the draw at the sole discretion of the Grand Slam Tournament Committee. Wild Cards may be seeded. Wild Cards must be named at the time the draw is made and Wild Cards that withdraw or default may not be replaced with new Wild Cards after the draw is made, except as provided under Section f. iii. herein. Such position shall be filled by the next eligible person on the entry list, or if the qualifying competition has commenced, it shall be filled by the eligible Lucky Loser. The qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck.

No player may be named as a Wild Card who has competed in the qualifying competition of that tournament.

c. Qualifiers

Players who are included in the draw as a result of their success in a qualifying competition.

If the Main Draw is made prior to the completion of a qualifying tournament, it shall include the appropriate number of qualifying places. Each of these qualifying places will be positioned in the Main Draw in accordance with the standard drawing procedures. Determination as to which qualifier goes into which qualifying place will be effected by drawing after the qualifying tournament ends.

d. Vacancies

After the draw is made and prior to the commencement of the qualifying competition, all vacancies created by the withdrawal of unseeded players, including Wild Card withdrawals, shall be filled by the next highest ranked player(s) on the original entry list. After the qualifying commences, such vacancies may only be filled by eligible Lucky Losers.

e. Composition

Unless otherwise agreed, the Singles Main Draw shall be composed as follows:

	Total	Direct	Qualifiers	Wild
	Accepted	Acceptances		Cards
Men	128	104	16	8
Women	128	104, 108, 112	16, 12, 8	8

f. Seeds

Players who are given preferential positions in the draw.

i. Seeds Required

All Grand Slams will have a seeded draw. There shall be only one seeding list.

ii. Selection of Seeds

The selection and arrangement of seeds will be at the discretion of each Grand Slam Tournament Committee, however, the computer ranking list dated approximately seven (7) days prior to the tournament shall be a primary, but not sole, basis for such selection and arrangement.

iii. Seedings Official/Remake of Draw/Replacement of Seeds

Seedings will not be official until the final draw is made. If two or more of the top eight seeds withdraw more than forty-eight (48) hours before the start of the tournament, the tournament may choose either to remake the draw or let the draw stand. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, if a Wild Card withdraws after the original draw and the draw is to be remade, the vacancy created may be filled at the tournament's option by a substitute Wild Card; if the tournament elects not to use a substitute Wild Card, the vacancy shall be treated as any other vacancy below.

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed prior to the release of the Order of Play for the first day of Main Draw shall be filled as follows:

- If the withdrawal is among seeds 1 to 16, the 17th seed is moved into then open position, and the 17th position shall be filled by the next highest ranked player eligible to be seeded;
- If the withdrawal is among seeds 17 to 32 it shall be filled by the next highest ranked player eligible to be seeded.

The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by the next player on the original entry list if prior to the commencement of qualifying or by the eligible Lucky Loser if after the commencement of qualifying.

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after the release of the Order of Play for the first day of the Main Draw shall be filled by eligible Lucky Losers.

iv. Number of Seeds

The minimum number of seeded players in the Main Draw will be 16.

v. Procedure for Placing Seeds

- (1) Place Seed 1 on Line 1 and Seed 2 on Line 32 (32 draw), Line 64 (64 draw) or Line 128 (128 draw).
- (2) To determine the placement of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs of two (Seeds 3 and 4) and groups of four (Seeds 5-8, 9-12 and 13-16) and groups of eight (seeds 17-24 and 25-32) from top to bottom as follows:

	32 draw (8 seeds)	64 draw (16 seeds)	128 draw (16 seeds)	128 draw (32 seeds)
Seeds 3-4	9 24	17 48	33 96	33 96
Seeds 5-8	8 16 17 25	16 32 33 49	32 64 65 97	32 64 65 97
Seeds 9-12		9 25 40 56	17 49 80 112	17 49 80 112
Seeds 13-16		8 24 41 57	16 48 81 113	16 48 81 113
Seeds 17-24				9 24 41 56 73 88 105 120
Seeds 25-32				8 25 40 57 72 89 104 121

g. Method of Draw

A draw sheet for 128 places will be used.

After the placement of seeds as heretofore provided, the remaining players, including the qualifiers, will be drawn and placed into the vacant spaces in the draw, beginning at the top of the draw.

h. Lucky Losers and Substitutions

i. Lucky Losers

Lucky Losers are those players who have lost in the final round of the qualifying event or, if more Lucky Losers are required, those players who have lost in the previous qualifying rounds.

Lucky Losers shall be selected based on the computer rankings used for the determination of qualifying seedings as follows: The order of the four (4) highest ranked players shall be randomly drawn, thereafter the order shall follow the players' rankings.

The Lucky Loser list will be posted each day at least one (1) hour prior to the sign-in deadline which will be one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour before the first point is played in the first match. Such list shall not be available for sign-in on the preceding day.

ii. Substitutions

A Lucky Loser shall be inserted in the appropriate position as a substitution for any player who withdraws or is withdrawn before the first point is played in his first match.

In order to be eligible for substitution, a Lucky Loser must:

- (1) report to the Referee and sign the Lucky Loser Sign-In Record at least one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour prior to the start of the first match of each day, and
- (2) be ready to play within five (5) minutes for men's events and fifteen (15) minutes for women's events after the announcement of the default.

If the eligible Lucky Loser is not available to play, in men's events he shall be placed at the bottom of the Lucky Loser priority list for that day corresponding to the qualifying round in which he lost and in women's events she shall forfeit her Lucky Loser status for the duration of the tournament. If the eligible player is playing in the doubles event at the time he is called as a Lucky Loser in singles, the singles match may be rescheduled so he can fill the Lucky Loser position, provided the Referee determines that such rescheduling of the singles match does not cause an unreasonable disruption in the schedule; otherwise the next available Lucky Loser shall be selected to fill such vacancy.

- iii. **Vacancy During Qualifying**
If a Lucky Loser position should become available during the qualifying competition, it shall be treated the same as the qualifying places for placement in the main draw.

- iv. **Vacancy After Qualifying**
If a Lucky Loser position becomes available after the qualifying places are drawn in the main draw, the top ranking player who signs the Lucky Loser Sign-In Record before the start of the first match will be inserted in the appropriate position. If a position becomes available during the day, the top ranking player who has signed that day's Lucky Loser Sign-In Record will be inserted in the appropriate position at the time the withdrawal is confirmed. Unless otherwise determined by the Referee, positions becoming available after the start of play for the start of the last match of each day will be filled by the top ranking player who signs the Lucky Loser Sign-In Record on the successive day of play. When two (2) or more positions become available at the same time, during the foregoing period, the positions to be occupied by each Lucky Loser will be determined by drawing.

3. Singles Qualifying Competition

The qualifying competition shall be a single elimination tournament. There shall be no pre-qualifying event, however nothing herein shall prevent a Grand Slam from conducting a separate or local event to determine Wild Cards in the qualifying competition or main draw and unsuccessful participants in said event are not prohibited from entering the qualifying competition if they are otherwise qualified therefore. If qualifying is not held at the same site as the main draw, the Grand Slams will provide suitable facilities and equipment at such alternate site.

- a. **Surface**
The qualifying competition will be played on the same surface as the main draw. However, if there are circumstances beyond the control of the Referee, qualifying matches may be held on a surface different from that of the main event.

- b. **Minimum Size**
The minimum number of places in the singles qualifying competition will be the same as in the main draw unless otherwise authorised by the GSC.

- c. **Qualifying Event Required**
All Grand Slams must have a qualifying competition unless there are places available in the main draw for all players listed on the

applicable computer rankings who have entered or unless otherwise authorised by the GSC.

d. Composition

Unless otherwise authorised by the GSC, the singles qualifying event shall be composed as follows:

Total	Direct	Wild
Accepted	Acceptances	Cards
128	119	9
96	88	8
64	56	8

e. Sign-In

Subject to any advance qualifying entry system, players shall be eligible for the qualifying competition who sign-in with the Referee at the sites and times designated by each Grand Slam.

Advance qualifying entry Direct Acceptances and Wild Cards need not sign in or be present at the sign-in deadline. Players without a computer ranking who appear at the sign-in may only be accepted at the option of the tournament committee as hereinafter provided.

f. Selection of Qualifying Entries

Direct Acceptances into the qualifying shall be selected from among players with a computer ranking who have entered, in accordance with any advance entry system or the procedures outlined above. The order of selection shall be consistent with the ranking used for any advance entry system. Ties shall also be resolved consistent with the computer ranking system. If a withdrawal occurs after the deadline for the men's Qualifying Draw, the vacancy shall be filled from the on-site Alternate Sign-In list using the 28 day advance entry ranking date. If a withdrawal occurs after the deadline for the women's Qualifying Draw the vacancy shall be filled from the on-site Alternate Sign-In list using the order of the original acceptance list based on the rankings as of the entry deadline.

g. Byes

In the event there are not enough competitors to fill the qualifying draw, then after the seeds are placed in the draw as hereinafter set forth, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seeds as a first priority and any remaining byes shall be drawn by lot in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw.

h. Sections and Seeds

The qualifying draw shall be made in sections, and the winner of each section shall be given a place in the main draw. If four (4) qualifiers are required, there will be four (4) sections; six (6) qualifiers, six (6)

sections; and so on. The draw shall be seeded and the selection of seeds shall be consistent with the most recent available computer ranking list. There shall be one seed in the top half and one seed in the bottom half of each section. If a seed withdraws from the Qualifying Draw prior to the release of the Order of Play on the day preceding the start of the Qualifying, the next eligible seed takes the open spot and the Alternate takes the spot created by the move. After the release of the Order of Play, the open spot vacated by the seed is filled by an Alternate.

i. Method of Draw

The first seed shall be placed at the top of the first section, the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the top line of each section. The remaining seeds shall be drawn as one group. The first drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the first section, the second drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the bottom line of each section.

The names of the remaining players shall be drawn and placed in the vacant spaces not occupied by the seeds beginning at the top of the draw.

j. Acceptances of Qualifiers into Main Draw

Once the qualifying competition has begun, only those players who ultimately qualify and Lucky Losers may be accepted into the main draw.

k. Drawing of Qualifiers

At the conclusion of the qualifying competition, the name of one qualifier will be drawn for each qualifying place in the main draw. There shall be no prior designation of qualifying sections to qualifying places in the main draw. Likewise, when more than one Lucky Loser is to be inserted into the main draw, their positions in the main draw shall be determined by drawing. Vacancies occurring before the qualifying is completed to be filled by Lucky Losers shall be drawn in conjunction with those players who qualified.

4. Main Draw Doubles Entries and Withdrawals

a. Entry Deadline

For Grand Slams the entry deadline or sign-up will be as published in the official entry form.

b. Entry

i. For Grand Slams with a qualifying doubles event entries must be received by the Referee on or before the official closing date for entries.

- ii. For Grand Slams with no qualifying doubles event no player will be accepted for entry into the doubles event unless he or his doubles teammate personally signs the on-site entry list or submits a written entry to the Referee or to any Grand Slam Supervisor or the Player Representative, provided, however, that any such non on-site entry shall be ineffective unless the Referee is notified thereof by the person receiving the written entry prior to the deadline.

The official doubles on-site entry list shall be kept in the Referee's office.

c. Vacancies

A team shall constitute a doubles entry. Therefore, if either of the players of a team cannot play, that doubles entry is subject to default and substitution. However, if a player has to withdraw through injury or other unavoidable circumstances after the sign-in deadline, but before the draw, his partner may enter again with another player who has not already been accepted into the doubles event, and this new team may be accepted provided it qualifies by virtue of the computer ranking used for selection. With this exception, players may not change partners after the doubles entry deadline. In no case shall any player change partners after the draw has been made unless the draw is remade due to the withdrawal of seeded teams.

d. Selection of Entries

Entries shall be accepted in the following order:

- i. Those players who, when teamed together, qualify consistent with the better of their individual singles or doubles ranking dated approximately seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the Grand Slam. The rankings of the two players of a team shall be added together and these totals will determine who qualifies.

Ties shall be resolved as follows:

1. Team using two (2) singles rankings
2. Team using one (1) singles ranking
3. A team using an Entry Protection/Special Ranking is positioned below the other team(s). If one player on each team is using an Entry Protection/Special Ranking then the ranking of each remaining player determines the order.

For ties between teams with the same composition, priority will be given to the team with the highest individual singles ranking. For teams using two doubles rankings priority will be given in the men's event to the team with the fewest number of tournaments played and then the team with the highest number of points. In the women's event to the team with the greatest

combined total points, thereafter the team with the highest combined ranking from the previous week and then to the team with the fewest combined number of tournaments played over the previous 52-week period.

- ii. Teams composed of a player with a ranking and a player without a ranking. The priority among these teams shall be determined by the ranking of the one ranked player.
 - iii. If the doubles draw cannot be completed filled by teams with at least one member of whom has a ranking, the tournament has the option of filling out the draw with unranked teams or filling the remaining spaces with byes.
- e. Substitution of Doubles Teams
- If substitutes are required, Alternates or Lucky Losers shall be selected. The sign-in for doubles Lucky Losers or Alternates shall follow the same principles as the sign-in for singles Lucky Losers or Alternates. One member of a Lucky Loser team may sign in for the team. If there is no qualifying competition, substitutions shall come from the alternate list of teams not accepted directly into the main draw and shall follow the acceptance procedures outlined above. In either case, only substitutions of the originally paired teams are permitted.

5. Doubles Main Draw

- a. Time
- Each Grand Slam shall specify the time that the draw is to be made. Once the draw is made there can be no change except for substitution. Doubles Main Draw matches shall not commence until all Doubles Qualifying matches are completed.
- b. Size of Draw
- Unless otherwise approved by the GSC, the draw shall be for 64 teams. Qualifying teams will reduce the number of directly accepted Doubles Main Draw teams.
- c. Wild Cards
- The maximum number of doubles Wild Cards for a 64 team draw shall be seven (7).
- A Grand Slam may not enter players as a Wild Card Team without the consent of both players. A Wild Card may be offered to any team that is not a Direct Acceptance on the original entry list after entries have closed. A Wild Card may be offered to one player on an entered team if it is conditional on his playing with another player. Wild Cards must be named at the time the draw is made.

- d. Seeds
 - i. The draw shall be seeded and the number of seeds shall be sixteen (16).
 - ii. Each Grand Slam shall be the final authority for the selection and resolution of ties with respect to seeds. Such selection and resolution shall be consistent with the computer ranking list dated approximately seven (7) days prior to the event.
 - iii. If, prior to the draw being finalised, it is determined that one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) or more of the seeded pairs are unable to play, the entire draw may be remade. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled in accordance with the same principles used in the singles Main Draw.
 - iv. Even if the draw is remade, the original entry pairings may not be changed except as provided with respect to vacancies.
- e. Method of Draw

The placing of seeds and byes and the drawing of the remaining teams shall be in accordance with the same principles used in the singles Main Draw.

6. Doubles Qualifying Competition

A doubles qualifying competition is not mandatory but may be held at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. If a qualifying competition is held it must be announced at the time the doubles entry list is made available to the players for the doubles main draw. The method of entry shall be in accordance with the same principles used in the doubles main draw. The composition of the doubles qualifying shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

GRAND SLAM CODE OF CONDUCT
ARTICLE I: GENERAL

A. PURPOSE

The Grand Slam Committee (GSC) promulgates this Grand Slam Code of Conduct (Code) in order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct by players and the organisers of Grand Slams, and to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the Sport of Tennis.

B. APPLICABILITY

This Code is applicable as stated herein to the four Grand Slams.

C. EXCLUSIVITY

The Grand Slam Code is the exclusive basis for disciplinary action against any player at Grand Slams except to the extent inconsistent with those related Rules and Regulations governing the WTA Tour and approved by the Grand Slam Committee.

D. UNITED STATES DOLLARS

All monetary fines set forth in the Code are in US Dollars.

ARTICLE II: PLAYER ENTRY OFFENCES

A. ENTRY OFFENCES

1. Late Withdrawal Non-Appearance

No player may withdraw his entry from the Main Draw of a Grand Slam for any reason after the withdrawal deadline, except that players on the alternate list for the Main Draw may withdraw at any time prior to such time as they are moved into the main draw as a Direct Acceptance. A player who has entered the Main Draw, been accepted as a Direct Acceptance, and not timely withdrawn therefrom, shall appear for play.

Violation of this Section shall be penalised as follows:

Ranking (Entry List)	Fine Amount (Double if Seeded)
1 - 10	\$5,000
11 - 25	\$2,400
26 - 75	\$1,600
76 - 100	\$1,200
100 - 150	\$ 600
151 +	\$ 200

The fines specified shall be doubled in the case of any player whose ranking would have caused him to be seeded in the tournament.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Grand Slam, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

2. Playing Another Event

No player who has entered and been accepted into the main draw of a Grand Slam shall play in any other tennis event during the period of such tournament unless authorised by the GSC. Violation of this Section shall result in a fine of \$2,000 in addition to any other fines provided in the Code. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”. In any case, two violations within the same calendar year shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

B. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The GSC Administrator shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all Entry Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the fine and/or other punishment therefore and mail written notice thereafter to the player.

C. PAYMENT OF FINES

All fines levied by the GSC Administrator shall be paid by the player to the GSC by delivery to the GSC Administrator within ten (10) days after the notice thereof is provided.

D. REMISSION OF FINES

A player who has been fined for Late Withdrawal or Non-Appearance as above provided may apply to the GSC Administrator for remission of such fine. The GSC Administrator may remit the “first” Late Withdrawal or Non-Appearance fine in each year only in the event that he is satisfied in his sole judgement and discretion that the reasons for such Late Withdrawal or Non-Appearance were genuine, not foreseeable at the time of entry, justified and unavoidable and that the player has conducted himself in a professional manner with respect thereto. In order to petition for remission of this “first” Late Withdrawal or Non-Appearance fine, the player must:

1. Have notified the GSC Administrator and the Tournament Director as soon as reasonably possible after the onset or occurrence of the basis for such Late Withdrawal or Non-Appearance.

2. File with the GSC Administrator on or before ten (10) days after the first day of the tournament a written statement explaining in detail the reasons for such Late Withdrawal or Non-Appearance, along with any other evidence that the player deems important to such petition.
3. If the reason for such late Withdrawal or Non-Appearance is related to any injury or illness, furnish to the GSC Administrator within ten (10) days after the first day of the tournament the details thereof, certified to by a qualified physician and legibly set forth in English, French, German or Spanish on the GSC Medical Certification Form. Such excuse will be good for consecutive Grand Slam tournaments missed for the same reasons.
4. Provided, however, if a player is injured at a tournament site after 1800 GMT on the Friday before that tournament, then, if he is examined by the tournament doctor and the Referee and diagnosed in writing as being medically unfit for singles and doubles play, such fine will be remitted. Thereafter each player withdrawing late from or not appearing at the next Grand Slam for any reason will be fined as provided above.

E. DISCRETIONARY REVIEW

Any player found to have committed an Entry Offence may, after paying all fines as above provided, petition the designated Chairman of the GSC for discretionary review by the GSC of the determination and penalty of the GSC Administrator. The petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the GSC Administrator within thirty (30) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the player. The GSC Administrator shall thereafter promptly forward said petition to the Chairman. Said petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within thirty (30) days thereafter the Chairman shall review such petition and shall determine in his sole discretion whether or not the GSC shall hear the appeal. If the Chairman decides that the GSC should not hear the appeal, then the decision of the GSC Administrator shall upon notice thereof become final. If the Chairman decides that the GSC should hear the appeal, then he shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall so notify the player and the GSC Administrator. At such hearing the player and the GSC Administrator shall present to the GSC the relevant evidence on the matter. The GSC may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the GSC Administrator on appeal. If the appeal is decided against the player, then the GSC shall tax the reasonable costs of the appeal against the player, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses and members of the GSC with respect thereto, if the same is not at a regularly scheduled meeting of the GSC.

ARTICLE III: PLAYER ON-SITE OFFENCES

A. GENERAL

Every player shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of a Grand Slam, conduct himself in a professional manner. The provisions hereinafter set forth shall apply to each player's conduct while within the precincts of each such site.

B. PUNCTUALITY

Matches shall follow each other without delay in accordance with the announced order of play. The order of play shall be posted at a highly visible place in a general players' area as designated by the Referee.

The Referee shall designate an Official Clock for the event. Matches shall be called in accordance with the order of play using all available and reasonable means. Players shall be ready to play when their matches are called.

1. Any player not ready to play within ten (10) minutes after his match is called may be fined \$500.
2. Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his match is called may be fined up to an additional \$1,500 and shall be defaulted unless the Referee in his sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.

C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

Every player shall dress and present himself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn as determined by each respective Grand Slam. Any exceptions to this standard must be submitted by manufacturers to the Grand Slam Administrator, prior to a Grand Slam, for approval.

1. Unacceptable Attire

Sweatshirts, gym shorts, dress shirts, T-shirts or any other inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match (including the warm-up).

a. Grass Court Shoes

At Wimbledon no grass courts shoes other than those with rubber soles, without heels, ribs, studs or coverings, shall be worn by players.

Special grass court shoes will not be used without the express approval of the GSC; such shoes will not be approved unless they comply with the following specifications:

The pimples or studs on the base of the sole shall have maximum top diameter of three (3) millimetres and a minimum top diameter of two (2) millimetres. The maximum height of the pimples or studs shall be two (2) millimetres with a maximum of 10 degree angle slope between the base and the top of the pimple. The durometres shall be between 58 and 63 based on a shore “A” scale. The pimple top diameter compared to its respective pimple density per square inch shall be within the following guidelines:

Pimple Top Diameter	Pimple-Density Per Square Inch
2.00 mm	32
2.25 mm	28
2.50 mm	24
2.75 mm	21
3.00 mm	18

Shoes with pimples or studs around the outside of the toes shall not be permitted. The foxing around the toes must be smooth.

Players desiring approval of special grass court shoes should submit a sample shoe to the GSC at least ninety (90) days in advance of Wimbledon.

b. Clay Court Shoes

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted for play on clay courts. The Referee has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe’s sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at Roland Garros.

Grass court shoes shall not be worn during a match at Roland Garros.

c. White Clothing and Footwear

Except for the warm-up period, players at Wimbledon must be dressed almost entirely in white.

2. Doubles Teams

Members of a men’s doubles team shall be dressed in substantially the same colours.

3. Identification

No identification shall be permitted on a player or on a player’s clothing, products or equipment on court during a match or at any press conference or tournament ceremony, except as follows (the GSC reserves the right to interpret the following rules so as to give effect to the intent and purposes of these Grand Slam Rules):

a. Shirt, Sweater or Jacket

- i. Sleeves. One (1) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identification for each sleeve, neither of which exceeds three (3) square inches (19.5sq.cm), plus one (1) manufacturer's standard logo on each sleeve, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm).
 - ii. Sleeveless (women's events): The two (2) commercial (non-manufacturer) identifications permitted on the sleeves above, neither of which shall exceed three (3) square inches (19.5 sq.cm), may be placed on the front of the garment.
Sleeveless (men's events): The commercial (non-manufacturer's) identifications and manufacturer's standard logos permitted on the sleeves above, may not be placed on a sleeveless shirt.
 - iii. Front, Back and Collar. Total of two (2) standard logos of the manufacturer, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) or one standard logo of the manufacturer, which does not exceed three (3) square inches (19.5 sq.cm).
- b. Shorts/Skirts**
Two (2) standard logos of the manufacturer, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) or one standard logo of the manufacturer which does not exceed three (3) square inches (19.5 sq.cm). On compression shorts, one (1) manufacturer's standard logo not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) and which shall be in addition to the two (2) authorized logos on shorts.
- Note: A dress for the purposes of permissible identification shall be treated as a combination of a skirt and a shirt (dividing dress at waist).
- c. Socks/Shoes
Standard logos of the manufacturer on each sock and on each shoe. The logos on the sock(s) on each foot shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm).
 - d. Racquet
Standard logos of the manufacturer; standard logos of manufacturer on strings.
 - e. Hat, Headband or Wristband
One (1) standard logo, without writing, of manufacturer, not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm).
 - f. Bags, Other Equipment or Paraphernalia

Standard logos of tennis equipment manufacturer on each item plus two (2) separate commercial identifications on one (1) bag, neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm).

- g. Drink Containers**
Each Grand Slam will provide drink containers for all participants to use. No other drink containers will be allowed on court unless approved by the Referee.
- h. Another Tennis, Sport or Entertainment Event**
Notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereinabove set forth the identification by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol or other description of any tennis circuit, series of tennis events, tennis exhibition, tennis tournament, any other sport or entertainment event is prohibited on all dress or equipment, unless otherwise approved by the GSC.
- i. General**
In the event the utilisation of any of the foregoing permitted commercial identifications would violate any governmental regulation with respect to television, then the same shall be prohibited.

For the purposes of this Rule, the manufacturer means the manufacturer of the clothing or equipment in question. In addition, the size limitation shall be ascertained by determining the area of the actual patch or other addition to a player's clothing without regard to the colour of the same. In determining area, depending on the shape of the patch or other addition, a circle, triangle or rectangle shall be drawn around the same and the size of the patch for the purpose of this Rule shall be the area within the circumference of the circle or the perimeter of the triangle or rectangle as the case may be. When a solid colour patch is the same colour as the clothing, then in determining the area, the size of the actual patch will be based on the size of the logo identification.

4. Warm-up Clothing

Players may wear warm-up clothing during the warm-up and during a match provided it complies with the foregoing provisions and provided further that the players obtain approval of the Referee prior to wearing warm-up clothing during a match.

5. Change/Taping

Any player who violates this Section may be ordered by the Chair Umpire, Grand Slam Supervisor or Referee to change his attire or equipment immediately. No taping over of such attire or equipment shall be allowed. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in immediate default.

6. Fines

Any player who violates this Section and is not defaulted shall be subject to the following fines:

- a. Unacceptable Attire and Doubles Team Attire
Violation of the provisions with respect to Unacceptable Attire or Doubles Team Attire shall result in a fine of up to \$2,000.
- b. Manufacturer's Logo
Violation of the provisions with respect to standard logos of manufacturers shall result in a fine of up to \$1,000.
- c. Commercial Identification
Violation of the provisions with respect to commercial identifications shall result in a fine of up to \$4,000.
- d. Another Tennis Event
Violation of the provisions with respect to the identification of Another Tennis Event shall result in a fine of up to \$10,000.

D. LEAVING THE COURT

A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire or Referee. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$6,000 for each violation. In addition the player may be defaulted and subjected to the additional penalties for Failure to Complete Match as hereinafter set forth.

E. BEST EFFORTS

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in a Grand Slam. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation. For purposes of this Rule, the Referee and/or the Chair Umpire shall have the authority to penalise a player in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefor.

F. FAILURE TO COMPLETE MATCH

A player must complete a match in progress unless he is reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$10,000. In addition a violation of this Section shall subject a player to immediate default and shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefor.

G. MEDIA CONFERENCE

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player or team must attend the postmatch media conference(s) organised immediately or within thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of each match whether the player or team was the winner or loser, unless such time is extended or otherwise modified by the Referee for good cause. In addition, all main draw players must participate, if requested, in a pre-event press conference to be arranged during the two days before the start of the main draw. All media obligations include, but are not limited to, interviews with the host and player's national broadcaster.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$10,000.

H. CEREMONIES

A player participating in the finals of a Grand Slam must attend and participate in the final ceremonies after the match unless he is reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$10,000.

I. TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME

Following the expiration of the warm-up period play shall be continuous and a player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause.

A maximum of twenty (20) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the point until the time the ball is struck for the first serve of the next point. If such serve is a fault then the second serve must be struck by the server without delay.

When changing ends a maximum of ninety (90) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the game until the time the first serve is struck for the next game. If such first serve is a fault the second serve must be struck by the server without delay. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie-break, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest period.

At the conclusion of each set, regardless of the score, there shall be a set break of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the set until the time the first serve is struck for the next set.

If a set ends after an even number of games, there shall be no change of ends until after the first game of the next set.

The receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the server and shall be ready to receive within a reasonable time of the server being ready.

The first violation of this Section shall be penalised by a Time Violation warning and each subsequent violation shall be penalised by the assessment of one Time Violation point penalty.

When a violation is a result of a medical condition, refusal to play or not returning to the court within the allowed time a Code Violation (Delay of Game) penalty shall be assessed in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

J. AUDIBLE OBSCENITY

Players shall not use audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefor.

For the purposes of this Rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the Chair Umpire, spectators, Line Umpires or ballpersons.

K. COACHING AND COACHES

Players shall not receive coaching during a match (including the warm-up). Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach may be construed as coaching. Players shall also prohibit their coaches (1) from using audible obscenity within the precincts of the tournament site, (2) from making obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site, (3) from verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site, (4) from physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site and (5) from giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement within the precincts of the tournament site having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or of the officiating thereof.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, the Referee may order the Coach to be removed from the site of a match or the precincts of the tournament site and upon his failure to comply with such order may declare an immediate default of such player.

L. VISIBLE OBSCENITY

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-

up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefor.

For the purposes of this Rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands and/or racquet or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.

M. ABUSE OF BALLS

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up).

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to fine up to \$700 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up) the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

N. ABUSE OF RACQUETS OR EQUIPMENT

Players shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$1,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently destroying or damaging racquets or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire’s chair or other fixture during a match out of anger or frustration.

O. VERBAL ABUSE

Players shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefor.

For the purposes of this Rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

P. PHYSICAL ABUSE

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefor.

For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.

Q. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Sport, but that does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on-site offence contained herein. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or the officiating thereof.

R. POINT PENALTY SCHEDULE

The Point Penalty Schedule to be used for violations set forth above is as follows:

FIRST offence	WARNING
SECOND offence	POINT PENALTY
THIRD AND EACH SUBSEQUENT offence	GAME PENALTY

However, after the third Code Violation, the Referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

S. DEFAULTS

The Referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors may declare a default for either a single violation of this Code or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out above.

In all cases of default, the decision of the Referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors shall be final and unappealable.

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be fined up to the prize money won at the tournament in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident. In addition, any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be defaulted from all other events, if any, in that tournament, except when the offending incident involves only a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment provisions set forth in Article III. B and C, or as a result of a medical condition or when his doubles partner commits the Code Violation which causes the default.

T. DOUBLES EVENTS

1. Warnings/Point Penalties/Game Penalties/Defaults

Warnings, point penalties, game Penalties and/or a default if assessed for violation of the Code shall be assessed against the team.

2. Fines

Fines for violation of Article III C.2 of the Code relating to the requirement of substantially identical attire shall be assessed against the team. All other fines for violation of Article III of the Code shall be assessed only against the individual member of the team who is in violation unless both members of the team are in violation.

U. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The Referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all Player On-Site Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the fine and/or other punishment therefor and give written notice thereof to the player. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Referee may, at his discretion, limit the fines levied during any tournament qualifying event to a maximum of \$1,000 for each violation.

V. PAYMENT OF FINES

Each Grand Slam shall deduct such fines from the player's prize-money, if any, and promptly pay the same to the GSC. In the event that the player's prize-money is insufficient to pay such fine, the player shall pay the balance thereof within twenty (20) days after the tournament to the GSC.

W. APPEALS

Any player convicted of a violation of a Player On-Site Offence may, after paying all fines, appeal to the GSC Administrator for review of the determination of guilt and penalty therefor. Such Notice of Appeal shall be in writing and filed by 5.00 p.m. G.M.T. with the GSC Administrator within ten (10) days after the last day of the event. Attached to and included with such Notice of Appeal shall be a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of such incident along with any other evidence that the player desires to submit.

Upon receipt of such an Appeal, the GSC Administrator shall conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding such incident, and shall affirm or reverse in whole or in part the determination of the Referee. In the event of a whole or partial reversal the GSC Administrator shall remit to the player all or part of the fines collected in accordance with the disposition of the appeal.

ARTICLE IV: PLAYER MAJOR OFFENCES

A. WAGERS

No player shall wager anything of value in connection with any Grand Slam. Violation of this Section shall subject the player to a fine up to \$100,000 or the amount of prize money won at the tournament, whichever is greater, and suspension from play in one or more Grand Slam, and/or the Tennis Masters Cup for a period up to three (3) years.

B. BRIBES OR OTHER PAYMENTS

No player shall offer, give, solicit or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts or participation in any Grand Slam. Violation of this Section shall subject the player to a fine up to \$100,000 or the amount of prize money won at the tournament, whichever is greater, and suspension from play in one or more Grand Slams and/or the Tennis Masters Cup for a period up to three (3) years.

C. AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR

No player at any Grand Slam shall engage in "Aggravated Behaviour" which is defined as follows:

1. One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code as constituting "Aggravated Behaviour".
2. One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a Grand Slam, or is singularly egregious.

3. A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do not constitute “Aggravated Behaviour”, but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the Grand Slams.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine of up to \$100,000 or the amount of prize money won at the tournament, whichever is greater, and suspension from play in one or more Grand Slams and/or the Tennis Masters Cup.

D. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME

No player shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of tennis. If a player is convicted of the violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment for more than one year, he may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the Sport, he may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and be in violation of this Section. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$100,000 and/or to suspension from play in one or more Grand Slams and/or the Tennis Masters Cup for a period up to three (3) years.

E. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY

The GSC Administrator shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Major Offence and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the player involved; the player shall be given at least ten (10) days to provide to the GSC Administrator, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the player deems to be relevant to the investigation. Upon the completion of his investigation the GSC Administrator shall determine the innocence or guilt of the player involved, and, in the latter case, shall state in writing the facts as found by him, his conclusions and his decision fixing the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision shall be promptly delivered to the player and to the GSC. Upon review the GSC may affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the GSC Administrator and the player shall be notified of its decision upon any such review. The determination of the GSC Administrator shall stand unless modified or reversed as above provided.

F. PAYMENT OF FINES

All fines levied by the GSC Administrator for Player Major Offences shall be paid by the player to the GSC by delivery to the GSC Administrator within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof. If the fine is not paid in thirty (30) days the GSC Administrator will instruct the next Grand Slam to withhold prize money due to the player until settlement is made.

G. APPEAL

Any player determined to be guilty of a Player Major Offence by the GSC Administrator and providing such determination is not reversed by the GSC as above provided, after paying all fines, may appeal such determination for review by written Notice of Appeal filed with the GSC Administrator within ten (10) days after receiving notice of the GSC Administrator's determination or any modification thereof by the GSC.

H. LIST OF REVIEW OFFICERS

Attached to the Code as Appendix A is reference to a list of persons from various parts of the world who have agreed to act as Review Officers to hear appeals on Player Major Offences. These persons were chosen for their independence, impartiality, competence and proximity to sites of major events. The current list of Review Officers, which is retained by the Grand Slam Committee Administrator, may be subtracted from or added to from time to time by the GSC; however, no presently active professional tennis player or coach thereof, tournament director, or member of the GSC may serve as a Review Officer.

I. SELECTION OF REVIEW OFFICERS

After the Notice of Appeal is filed, the GSC Administrator and the player shall consult together to select one (1) mutually agreeable Review Officer to conduct the hearing on the appeal. If a mutually agreeable Review Officer to conduct the hearing cannot be selected, then the GSC Administrator shall select one Review Officer and shall notify the player of his selection. Within five (5) days thereafter the player shall select a Review Officer and notify the GSC Administrator thereof. Within five (5) days after the selection of the second Review Officer, the two (2) Review Officers so selected shall select a third Review Officer, who shall be chairman of the panel. In the event a third Review Officer is not selected within such time, the third Review Officer shall be immediately selected by lot from the list of remaining Review Officers in Appendix A to the Code. If three (3) Review Officers are required their decision shall be determined by a majority vote. The Review Officers must be selected from the List attached to the Code as Appendix A except the third Review Officer need not be selected from the List and should, when possible, be a person qualified to practice law if neither of the first two Review Officers are so qualified. Each Review Officer selected must agree to serve on the particular case involved and must not be a presently active professional tennis player or coach thereof, tournament director or member of the GSC.

J. HEARING ON APPEAL

Thereafter the Review Officer(s) shall set a date, time and place for the Hearing on Appeal and shall so notify the player and the GSC Administrator; provided that such date be as soon as reasonably possible after the selection of the Review Officer(s) and no later than twenty (20) days after the selection of the third Review Officer.

The reasonable expenses of the Review Officer(s) attendant to the Hearing on Appeal shall be assumed by the GSC pending the final decision of the Review Officer(s) and the taxing of costs as hereinafter provided. The Hearing on Appeal shall be conducted in accordance with the following:

1. Burden of Proof

The burden of proof shall be on the GSC to prove a violation by a preponderance of the evidence.

2. Rules

The Review Officer(s) shall not be bound by any particular rules governing procedure or the admissibility of evidence provided that the Hearing is conducted in a fair and orderly manner with full opportunity to each side to present its case.

3. Presentation

The GSC Administrator and the player may present their respective cases personally and/or through counsel.

4. Statement of Position

The Review Officer(s) shall request the GSC Administrator and the player to state in writing their respective positions on the facts, the provision of the Code allegedly violated and the penalty specified and file the same at least ten (10) days prior to the Hearing with the Review Officer(s) and with a copy to each other.

5. Evidence

Each side shall have the right to present witnesses, documentary evidence, and testimony by affidavit or deposition. Documentary evidence and affidavits shall not be admissible unless a copy thereof is submitted at least ten (10) days prior to the Hearing to the Review Officer(s) and to the other party. Should objection be made to the introduction of an affidavit, the Review Officer(s) may determine in his or their discretion that the interests of fairness require that the affiant be produced to testify at the Hearing, or, alternatively, that such affidavit be excluded. In the case of the former, a reasonable continuance must be granted for production of such witness.

6. Hearing

The Hearing shall be closed to the public unless both parties agree otherwise.

7. Record

The Hearing shall not ordinarily be transcribed, but each side shall have the right to have it recorded or transcribed at their sole expense.

8. Interpreter-Legal Advisor

The Review Officer(s) shall, if required in the interest of fairness, make provisions for the presence of an interpreter and/or legal advisor for the

Hearing. The reasonable expenses of such interpreter or legal advisor shall be assumed by the GSC pending the final decision of the Review Officer(s) and the taxing of costs as hereinafter provided.

K. DECISION ON APPEAL

The Review Officer(s) shall by written opinion issued within five (5) days after the conclusion of the Hearing on Appeal reverse or affirm in whole or in part the decision of the GSC Administrator as may have been modified by the GSC. Said written opinion shall set forth the facts as found by the Review Officer(s) and the reasons in support of his or their determination. In addition, the Review Officer(s) shall tax to the losing party, the GSC, or the player, all reasonable costs of the Appeal, including, but not limited to, the expenses and charges of the Review Officer(s), the interpreter, legal advisor and any adverse witness required upon objection to testify concerning facts originally presented by way of affidavit. If the costs are taxed against a player as hereinabove provided, the same must be paid by the player to the GSC by delivery to the GSC Administrator within ten (10) days after receipt of the decision of the Review Officer(s).

ARTICLE V: DISTRIBUTION OF FINES

All final fine amounts not subject to appeal or remission received by the Grand Slams in connection with offences occurring under this Grand Slam Code of Conduct shall be remitted to the Grand Slam Development Fund to assist and finance the further development of tennis as an international sport.

ARTICLE VI: DRUG OFFENCES

The GSC believes that the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with and contrary to the best interests of the sport. The GSC fully supports, encourages and seeks to cooperate in the further development and refinement of an acceptable drug-testing programme. Players and Tournament Officials may be required to undergo drug testing either as a result of governmental or other binding regulations imposed upon the event by authorities outside its control or as a result of a drug-testing programme approved by the GSC.

ARTICLE VII: SUSPENSIONS AND COLLECTION OF FINES

A. APPLICABILITY

This Article shall be applicable to all provisions of the Code relating to suspensions and fines.

B. CALENDAR YEARS

Whenever any suspension is involved as a penalty for a violation of this Code, such suspension may if necessary be specified to cover all or parts of more than one calendar year; provided, however, that this provision shall not be construed to enlarge the term of any suspension as specified in the applicable provision for an offence under this Code.

C. STAY OF SUSPENSIONS PENDING APPEALS

Whenever suspension of a player is decided upon by the GSC Administrator, and an appeal either of right or discretionary review is perfected by the party aggrieved, then such suspension shall be stayed pending the resolution of such appeal.

D. SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF FINES

If, subsequent to the imposition of a fine, the same is not timely paid as hereinabove provided, the GSC Administrator may suspend, pending payment, the party fined from further participation in further Grand Slams. In addition, the GSC Administrator is authorised to obtain collection of all overdue fines along with costs, if any, by all reasonable means, including deduction thereof from any subsequent winnings or amateur expenses in the same or succeeding year, or through the institution of legal proceedings as may be deemed necessary and appropriate.

ARTICLE VIII: INTERPRETATIONS

Any person or entity subject to this Code may file with the GSC Administrator a request for an interpretation or clarification of the Code and/or its applicability and effect on a particular event or transaction. Upon receipt of such request the GSC Administrator shall place the same on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the GSC. If a decision is necessary for the interim, the GSC Administrator may render a decision upon which the requesting party may rely pending final disposition by the GSC.

ARTICLE IX: NOTICE

All written communications to the GSC or the GSC Administrator should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

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Notice that a player is being investigated pursuant to a possible Major Offence charge shall be served personally upon him. Service of any other document required by the Code shall be deemed complete if mailed to the subject player at his home address or other address designated by the player, along with a copy to any player association of which he is a member provided that the GSC Administrator has notice of such membership.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

The Code may be amended only by the unanimous vote of the members of the GSC at a regular or special meeting.

APPENDIX A

LIST OF REVIEW OFFICERS

The current list is available by contacting the Grand Slam Committee Administrator.

APPENDIX B

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